THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (d) Government of Andhra Pradesh has declared 925 mandals in 22 districts, *viz.* all districts except the urban Hyderabad district as drought affected. The approximate loss of production during kharif estimated by the State Government is of the order of 29 per cent in case of foodgrains and 41 per cent for oil-seeds. According to the information furnished by the State Government 50 per cent seed subsidy has been extended to the farmers.

The State Government has sought assistance of Rs.1210.90 crores from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) till 30th June 2003. The assistance found admissible by the High Level Committee is Rs. 174.61 crores till the middle of January 2003. The assistance to be released from NCCF will, however, be subject to adjustment of available balances in the Calamity Relief Fund of the State. 3 lakh MTs of foodgrains, free of cost, have also been released to provide relief employment.

Meetings of Central Advisory Board on Education

*74. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times Central Advisory Board on Education met during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the decisions taken in these meetings and the steps taken to implement them?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) and (b) As the Central Advisory Board on Education was not reconstituted after the expiry of its term on 31st March, 1994 by the then and successive Governments, no meeting has been held during the last three years.